

**State of Illinois
SeniorCare Program**

Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Project

Quarterly Progress Report

October 2002 – December 2002

ILLINOIS SENIORCARE PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2002 – DECEMBER 2002 QUARTER

EVENTS

Enrollment:

Effective October 2002, 142,429 participants were active in the SeniorCare program, 139,669 in the prescription coverage option and 2,760 in the rebate option.

Drug Claim Expenditures:

Expenditures for drug claims were \$55.5 million from October through December 2002.

Prior Authorizations:

Billings for prior authorization reviews during the second quarter of state fiscal year 2003 were as follows:

October 2002	574 prior authorization reviews; 475 (82.8%) approved
November 2002	889 prior authorization reviews; 728 (81.9%) approved
December 2002	578 prior authorization reviews; 464 (80.3%) approved

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/PROBLEMS/ISSUES

The major initiative for this quarter was the initiation of Medicare cost-avoidance to coincide with the same initiative in the Medicaid program. Enrollees with Medicare Part B coverage were identified through data matches with SSA. A list of drugs for which there was a significant likelihood that Medicare would cover was developed and the claims processing system was programmed to reject claims for these drugs for the Medicare Part B covered individuals with a message to the pharmacy to bill Medicare as the primary payer. A system to bill Express Scripts the co-insurance and deductible amounts was set-up.